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I saw a man made of leaves,  
all swirling, flailing limbs;  
he was dancing on the sidewalk,  
he was flying in the wind.

I heard his good wife singing,  
cool voice breezing through the night  
in a tune he followed fleetly,  
stepping quick and light.

But the leaf-made man was wild,  
dancing through the air,  
and his wife could not contain him  
as other winds called fair.

A gust blew up and claimed his form:  
he split apart and scattered;  
he up and left his wife heartbroken,  
their song-and-dance love shattered.

She'd thought to always sing for him,  
and he to dance for her;  
but when he heard new winds whistling  
his very leaves did stir.

He found himself a traveler,  
whirling far and wide,  
never ceasing the self-same dance  
he'd started with his bride.

So to this day he dances on,  
an ever-changing form,  
always his most vigorous  
in the winds before a storm.